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1. MILOVAN DJILAS HAS TOLD AMERICAN JOURNALISTS THAT THE PETITION ON FREEDOM OF TRAVEL SUBMITTED TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT IS ONLY THE FIRST OF PLANNED ACTIONS BY DISSIDENTS. THE NEXT STEP MAY BE A CAMPAIGN FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS, DJILAS TOLD JOURNALISTS. (WE UNDERSTAND HARCOURT BRACE JOVANOVIĆ WILL BE PUBLISHING A NEW DJILAS BOOK IN THE FALL CALLED "WAR TIME." IT IS AN ACCOUNT OF DJILAS' YEARS WITH TITO DURING THE WAR.)

2. WHILE THE PETITION MADE AVAILABLE TO JOURNALISTS HAD 61 SIGNERS, THE DAUGHTER OF LAWYER JOVAN BAROVIC TOLD AN ITALIAN DIPLOMAT THAT IN FACT OVER 1,000 PEOPLE HAD PUT THEIR NAMES TO THE DOCUMENT.

3. NEWS OF THE PETITION HAS NOT BEEN RELEASED IN YUGOSLAV MEDIA TO OUR KNOWLEDGE. SUMMARY OF THE FOREIGN PRESS CIRCULATED TO THE ELITE (RED TANJUG) CARRIED AN ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT ON THE PETITION LAST FRIDAY, BUT NOTHING HAS
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APPEARED SINCE. THE ISSUE OF THE "INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE" CARRYING A FRONT PAGE "NEW YORK TIMES" STORY ABOUT THE PETITION WAS NOT OFFERED FOR SALE ON BELGRADE NEWSSTANDS, ALTHOUGH MAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS WERE RECEIVED. YORK

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